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Standard Test Method to Measure Heat Transfer Through Textile Thermal Barrier Materials¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the evaluation of heat transfer of textile materials which are used as thermal barriers when exposed to a calibrated convective and radiant energy heat source for 60 seconds.

1.1.1 This standard is used to determine if the heat transfer is sufficient to ignite flammable materials which are contiguous to the textile thermal barriers.

1.2 This standard is used as a means to differentiate textile materials.

1.3 This test method is not intended to measure the insulation properties of materials used in protective clothing.

1.4 The values stated in either acceptable metric units or in other units shall be regarded separately as standard. The values expressed in each system must be used independently of each other, without combining values in any way.

1.5 This standard measures and describes the response of materials, products, or assemblies to heat and flame under controlled conditions, but does not by itself incorporate all factors required for fire hazard or fire risk assessment of the materials, products or assemblies under actual fire conditions.

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles

D4391 Terminology Relating to The Burning Behavior of Textiles

¹ This standard is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D13 on Textiles and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D13.52 on Flammability.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

2.2 *Other Standards:*

State of California, Technical Bulletin 603 Requirements and Test Procedures for Resistance of a Mattress/Boxspring Set to a Large Open Flame, January, 2004³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *exposure energy to thermal end point, n*—the thermal energy transferred through a specimen that is sufficient to cause ignition of contiguous materials.

3.2 The following terms are relevant to this standard: break open, charring, dripping, embrittlement, heat flux, ignition, melting, shrinkage.

3.2.1 For all terminology relating to D13.52, Flammability, refer to Terminology D4391.

3.3 For all terminology related to Textiles see Terminology D123

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A textile thermal barrier that is used to prevent transfer of heat to flammable materials which are contiguous to this barrier are exposed to a controlled radiant and convective heat source for 60 seconds.

4.2 The heat transfer is measured using a data collection system.

4.3 Performance of thermal barrier textile material is determined by the amount of heat transferred through the specimen.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method measures the level of heat transfer through the thermal barrier textile material within a specific period of time.

5.2 This test method is used to evaluate thermal barriers and determine if they are able to withstand impingement by an open flame.

5.2.1 This test method is used to evaluate heat transfer when thermal barrier textile materials are used in conjunction with

³ Available from the State of California.

materials that demonstrate any of the following behaviors when exposed to high heat:

- break open
- charring
- dripping
- embrittlement
- ignition
- melting
- shrinkage

5.3 This test method cannot be used in place of the full scale test method TB603.

NOTE 1—This test method is intended to be used to evaluate thermal barrier textile materials used as the thermal barrier component for mattresses which are tested to comply with California Technical Bulletin 603 (TB603). Data obtained by using this method may provide sufficient information to proceed with this more expensive full scale testing.

5.3.1 This test method can be used as part of a supplier quality assurance program.

5.4 This test method is not intended to be used in evaluating heat transfer of thermal barrier textile materials used in protective clothing.

5.5 This test method is not recommended for acceptance testing of commercial shipments, since information on inter-laboratory precision is incomplete. In some cases the purchaser and the supplier shall agree to test a commercial shipment of one or more specific materials and establish their own inter-laboratory precision and bias, and also agree on acceptability limits.

6. Apparatus

6.1 Arrange components as shown in Fig. 1.

6.1.1 Details of the calorimeter construction are shown in Fig. 2.

6.2 Liquid propane or natural gas with appropriate reducer and valving arrangement.

6.3 A gas rotometer with range to give flow equivalent to 2 L (.007 ft³)/min. air at standard conditions.

6.4 Meeker or Fisher burner with 38 mm (1.5") diameter top and with orifice size of 1.2 mm (3/64") for natural gas. Propane requires a special orifice.

6.5 Copper calorimeter mounted in an insulating block and constructed as shown in Fig. 2.

6.5.1 Calorimeter is painted black using a high temperature flat black stove pipe primer.

6.6 Dimensions for two (2) mounting plates are Length 6 in. (152 mm), Width 6 in. (152 mm), each with a 3 in. (76 mm) × 3 in. (76 mm) hole in center. Each plate thickness is 1/8 in. (3 mm). See Fig. 3. The bottom plate which faces the flame must be made of steel. The top plate must also be made of steel.

6.7 Any strip chart recorder with full scale deflection of at least 150° C (300°F) or 10 mV and sufficient sensitivity and scale divisions to read sensor response to 1°C (2° F) or +/- 0.05 mv. A chart speed to read exposure time to +/- 0.01 sec. is required.

6.8 Specimen Holder, see Fig. 3 Three complete assemblies are desirable.

6.9 Laboratory standard ring support and clamp are used to hold specimen holder assembly and position the burner.

7. Hazards

7.1 Perform the test in a hood or ventilated area to carry combustion products away. If air currents disturb the flame, shield the apparatus or turn off the hood while running the test, then turn the hood on after the test to clear fumes. Exercise care in handling the burner with the open flame. Maintain adequate separation between flame and combustible materials.

7.2 The specimen holder and calorimeter assembly can become heated during prolonged testing. Use protective gloves when handling these hot objects.

NOTE 2—Some test specimens are hazardous when exposed to direct flames. Use care when the ignited specimen releases combustible gases. Remove the burner using gloves and allow the sample to burn out, or smother it with a plate.

7.3 Shut off the gas supply at the cylinder and allow flame to burn the gas from the lines when testing is completed.

8. Sampling and Test Specimen Preparation

8.1 Lot Sample—Randomly select the number of rolls or pieces of fabric directed in an applicable material specification or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

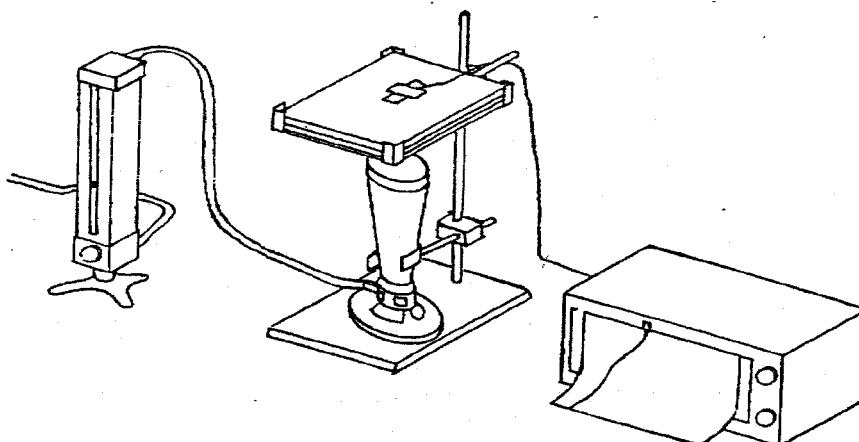


FIG. 1 Test Apparatus

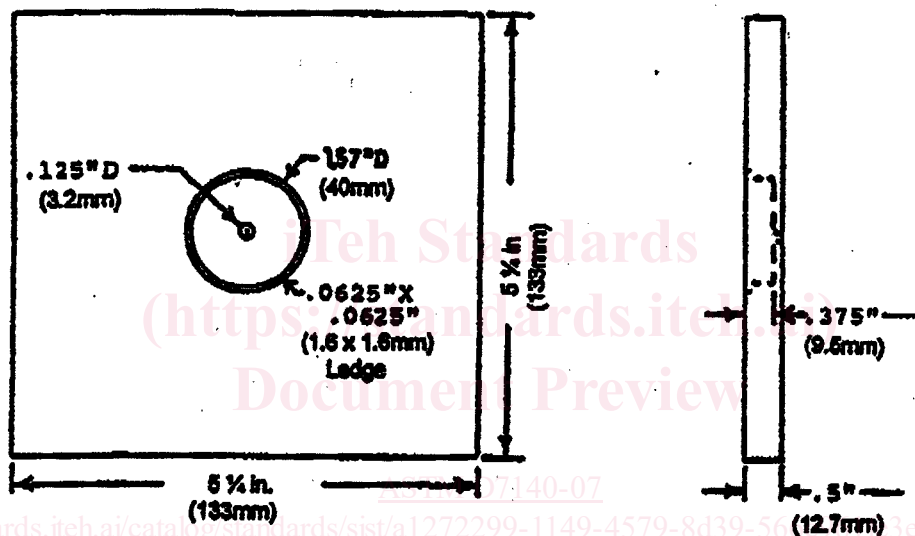
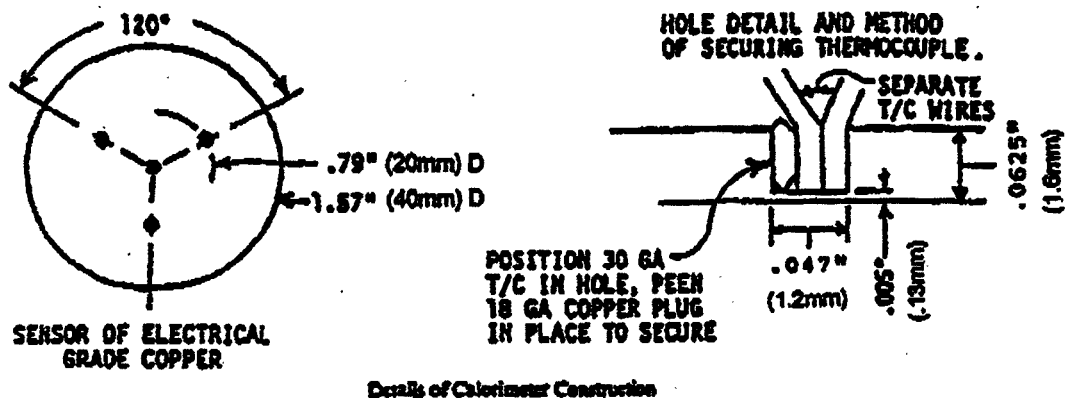


FIG. 2 Calorimeter Placement

Consider the rolls or pieces of fabric to be the primary sampling units. In the absence of such an agreement, take the number of fabric rolls specified in Table 1. Consider a single shipment of one style of fabric as the lot. A lot may constitute part of a single customer order.

NOTE 3—An adequate specification or other agreement between the purchaser and supplier requires taking into account the variability between rolls or pieces of fabric and between specimens from a swatch from a roll or piece of fabric to provide a sampling plan with a meaningful producer's risk, consumer's risk, acceptable quality level, and limiting quality level.

8.2 *Laboratory Sample*—Take a swatch extending the width of the fabric and approximately 1 m (1 yd) along the machine direction from each roll or piece in the lot sample. For rolls of fabric, take a sample that will exclude fabric from the outer wrap of the roll or the inner wrap around the core of the roll of fabric.

8.3 *Test Specimens*—Cut and identify five test specimens from each swatch in the laboratory sample. Make each test

specimen $133 \times 133 \pm 2$ mm ($5.25 \times 5.25 \pm \frac{1}{16}$ in.) with two sides of the specimen parallel with either the machine direction or cross machine direction. Do not cut samples closer than 10 % of the material width from the edge. Take specimens representing a broad distribution across the width. Ensure specimens are free of folds, creases, or wrinkles. Avoid getting oil, water, grease, etc., on the specimens when handling.

9. Calibration

9.1 Position the ring support on the vertical bar of the ring stand with a right angle clamp. Center the ring support over the center of the burner. The distance between the bottom of the specimen holder and the top of the burner must be 50 ± 1.6 mm ($2 \pm \frac{1}{16}$ in.).

9.1.1 Reduce the pressure on the gas supply to 55 kPa (8psig) for proper flame adjustment.

9.1.2 Place the calorimeter facing down so that it is exposed directly to the flame.